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**FLORIDA**: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 900,000 bushels. This is the same as was forecast last month but down 50,000 bushels from the initial forecast in August 2001. If realized, this will be about ten percent less than was shipped last season but more than the previous two.

Estimated shipments through December total 860,900 bushels, almost 100,000 less than last season when over a million total bushels

were shipped. Weekly shipments are declining as the season which ends in March is drawing to a close.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments for the first two months of the 2001-02 marketing season total an estimated 440,000 bushel equivalents as reported by the California Avocado Commission. This is slightly more than last season to the same time but a slightly smaller total crop is forecast.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2001-02 season,

with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through December	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments		
	Bushels				
Certified:					
1991-92	1,019,600	91,400	1,111,000		
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000		
1993-94	156,400	18,600	175,000		
1994-95	711,500	67,500	779,000		
1995-96	698,700	45,300	744,000		
1996-97	830,300	87,700	918,000		
1997-98	923,200	14,800	938,000		
1998-99	831,400	59,600	891,000		
1999-00	829,900	13,100	843,000		
2000-01	954,600	50,400	1,005,000		
Estimated:					
2001-02	860,900	39,100	900,000		

**CALIFORNIA**: Estimated avocado shipments, 2001-02 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

	2000-01	2001-02 season			
Variety	Total shipments	Shipments through December	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments	
	Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	97,000	17,000	103,000	120,000	
Hass	8,029,000	343,000	6,923,000	7,266,000	
Other	579,000	80,000	482,000	562,000	
Total	8,705,000	440,000	7,508,000	7,948,000	

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.